

Service Date: August 25, 1987

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER Of The Application)	UTILITY DIVISION
Of SHELBY GAS ASSOCIATION Request)	DOCKET NO. 87.5.22
To Increase Rates For Natural Gas)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5291
Service.)	

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 15, 1987, Shelby Gas Association (Shelby Gas) filed an application to increase rates for natural gas service. The application requested that revenues be increased by \$38,697.
2. On June 10, 1987, The Commission issued a Notice or Opportunity for Public Hearing. The notice set July 10, 1987 as the final day to request a hearing.
3. On June 19, 1987, the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) filed a request for hearing and leave to intervene. MCC request was granted. No other requests for hearing or intervention were received.
4. On July 30, 1987 the Commission received from Shelby Gas an amendment to its original request. The amendment reduced the requested increase to \$20,270. The price for natural service would increase by \$.11/MCF.
5. On August 20, 1987, MCC filed a motion to withdraw its request for hearing. The Motion was accepted. Accordingly no hearing is scheduled in this matter.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. Shelby Gas Association is a public utility providing natural gas service to consumers in the State of Montana. As such, it is subject to supervision , regulation and control of this commission, Section 69-3-101.

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the parties and proceedings in this matter.

3. The resulting rate levels are just and reasonable.

ORDER

1. Shelby Gas Association's request to increase natural gas rates by \$20,270 is GRANTED. Shelby Gas Association shall file tariffs reflecting a \$.11/MCF to the currently authorized price it charges for natural gas service.

2. Tariffs filed in compliance with this order shall be in effect for service rendered on or after August 24, 1987.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 24th day of August 1987, by a 5-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST

Ann Purcell
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.